

## I. AMENDMENTS

### Amendments to the Specification:

Please delete paragraphs [0027.1] and [0027.2]

Please replace paragraph [00011] with the following amended paragraph:

[00011] The invention will now be described in greater detail with reference to the preferred embodiments illustrated in the accompanying drawings, in which like elements bear like reference numerals, and wherein:

FIG. 1 is a side cross sectional view of an applicator device in an initial configuration prior to cocking;

FIG. 2 is a side cross sectional view of the applicator device of FIG. 1 in a cocked position with a patch retainer attached to the applicator;

FIG. 3 is a side cross sectional view of the applicator device of FIG. 1 with the patch retainer of FIG. 2 after the piston has been released to apply the patch;

FIG. 4 is a perspective view of an alternative embodiment of an applicator device;

FIG. 5 is a perspective view of a portion of one example of a microprotrusion array;

FIG. 6 is a side sectional view of a pressure driven applicator device; and

FIG. 7 is a graph of dose M (in  $\mu\text{g}$ ) of ovalbumin delivered over two time periods (5 seconds and 1 hour) from dry coated microprotrusions arrays applied using manual finger pressure (non-hatched bars) and using automatic applicators in accordance with the present invention (hatched bars); and

~~FIG. 8 is a graph of depth of penetration of a microprotrusion member as a function of duration, according to the invention.~~